
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND
SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS WHO ARE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

1 WHEREAS, there are over five hundred serious pedestrian-
2 related accidents annually in Hawaii with twenty to thirty
3 resulting in fatalities; and

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5 WHEREAS, pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired
6 must take additional precautions when crossing streets,
7 particularly due to their inability to see vehicles; and

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9 WHEREAS, pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired
10 often rely on their sense of hearing to determine when it is
11 safe to cross a street; and

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13 WHEREAS, electric and hybrid vehicles often make very
14 little noise when driving at low speeds and pedestrians who are
15 blind or visually impaired have complained that it is difficult
16 to determine if an electric or hybrid vehicle nearby prevents
17 the safe crossing of a street; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
22 Transportation is urged to promote driver awareness of
23 pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired, including
24 placing awareness posters in public facilities, purchasing radio
25 and television advertisements, and installing street signs in
26 areas of high pedestrian use, especially in areas of high use by
27 individuals who are blind or visually impaired; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
31 Transportation, Chair of the State Council on Developmental



- 1 Disabilities, and Executive Director of the Disability and
- 2 Communications Access Board.

